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Enrollment decreases by 25 students

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ELLEN KURT *EDITOR IN CHIEF*

Wartburg College enrollment is down for the third time in the last ten years with this year's head count totaling 1,775, down from last year's total of 1,800.

Edie Waldstein, vice president for enrollment management, attributes the decrease to the economy forcing more students to choose community college because of their lower cost and the pool of high school seniors across the country getting smaller.

"Iowa has a lot of private colleges and three state universities and I want to say 15 or 18 community colleges, so the competition has always been stiff for that pool of students," Waldstein said.

She said many of those students are choosing to get their associates degree first and then transfer to Wartburg.

Wartburg has a program called the Departmental Academic Accreditations program that guides students through the classes they need to take at certain community colleges in order to graduate in the most efficient way at Wartburg, but Waldstein said they have put more of a focus on it in recent years.

The Communication Arts major at Wartburg is one of these Departmental Academic Accreditations programs and Wartburg's Social Work department is looking into a program like this. Other departments on campus are interested as well.

"We've always had our eye on transfer students, but I would say what's new is a more intentional visitation of and relationship building with the schools," Waldstein said.

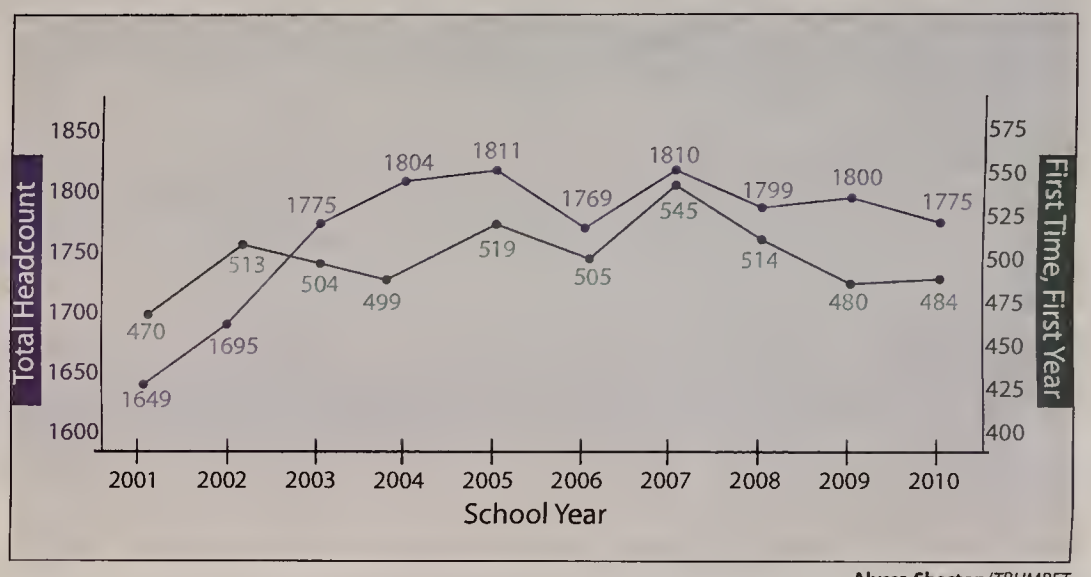
There is one admissions counselor, Natalie Smith, dedicated specifically to transfer students. Wartburg has 42 transfer students this year which is up six students from two years ago and up two students from just one year ago, Waldstein said.

Of those 42 students, 16 were students that left Wartburg for a period of time and then decided to come back.

"We ask students in their exit interview if this is really the right choice for them. Most of them say 'yes' because of this or that. Some then realize the grass really isn't greener on the other side," Waldstein said.

The pool of freshmen is lower this year, Waldstein said, because there weren't as many babies born 18 years ago. She said freshmen classes peaked at over 500 between 2005 and 2007. There are 484 students this year, which is four more freshmen than last year, but that number is down 61 students from three years ago.

"In these times, enrollment has been a challenge for all colleges or universities. So to be pretty steady and pretty much flat, even though it is down from last year, is something to be proud of. There are plenty of colleges that had a downward trend line for the last several years," Waldstein said.



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College building on Waverly relationship

'Celebrate Community' theme meant to reconnect Wartburg and Waverly

ELLEN KURT *EDITOR-IN-CHIEF*

Wartburg declared this year's theme "Celebrate Community" in honor of the college being at its Waverly location for 75 years, but the theme also brings to light the relationship between city and college.

Saul Shapiro, director of communication and marketing, said this relationship has been mainly good as the city worked hard to try to get Wartburg to Waverly in 1935.

Dr. William Hamm, former Wartburg College interim president, initiated the effort to make this year's theme, 'Celebrate Community,' Shapiro said

"He thought it would be fitting with Waverly celebrating 150 years last year," Shapiro said.

One service Wartburg provides for the community is making available to local businesses Information Technology Services personnel as well as students studying marketing, Shapiro said.

"It's in our mission statement to live lives of service, and I feel like our students really live up to that," Gary Grace, vice president for administration said.

Another partnership the city and the college are currently in is "The W."

"There are some concerns from citizens because usage is not at what Wartburg projected," Brunkhorst said.

When "The W" was first built, the city made an agreement to pay the college $150,000 a year for eight years and up to $600,000 during those same eight years to cover costs that revenue was not able to cover.

The Waverly community is finding out they owe the full $600,000 toward "The W" again this year and most likely next year, Bob Brunkhorst, Waverly mayor, said.

This money is part of the city budget and goes toward the operating budget of "The W" which covers such things as the community recreation programs that are run by "The W."

Some citizens were a little disgruntled in the beginning that money they had to pay the city for something they didn't even use.

"With any organization, there are bumps in the beginning," Brunkhorst said.

Jim Langel

Jim Langel, executive director of "The W," said the city and Wartburg are making strides in improving this relationship.

"We have a wonderful facility and we hope students and the community enjoy it. Citizens are starting to realize that 'The W' offers more than what they had first anticipated," Langel said.

Exercise classes like Zumba

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Faculty approves SRI revisions for 2011-12

LIZ BANDSTRA *STAFF WRITER*

Wartburg faculty members approved revisions last week to the Student Rating of Instruction process for the first time in more than a decade.

The revisions, developed by the Appointment, Rank and Tenure committee in March 2010, were made to facilitate a stronger conversation between faculty and students about the learning experience, Dean of Faculty Ferol Menzel said.

"The new format asks better questions," Menzel said. "Students are asked questions about their experience personally, as well as their contributions to the class. It reminds them that their learning experience is a two-way street."

The newly formatted SRI includes four open-ended questions on the front of the evaluation and 14 Likert-scale questions on the back. The four open-ended questions refer to faculty teaching strategies and instructional materials, as well as areas faculty can improve in.

Organization of the SRI has also changed. Open-ended questions are now on the front page of the form with the Likert-scale questions on the back.

Student Senate Academic Ombudsperson Derek Nash said the change is most likely meant to prevent students from answering the questions vaguely or skipping the questions altogether.

"It's really students' only chance to express their feelings about a course or a professor with anonymity," Nash said.

Nash said one of the most important changes to SRIs was rephrasing the questions.

"The former SRIs gave faculty feedback, but it left out a lot of room for students to voice their opinions on how they're taught," Nash said.

Although Senate is pleased with the adoption of the new SRI format, they would have liked to see more changes with the

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Wartburg unplugged

SAM ANDERSON *STAFF WRITER*

Centennial Lounge is the newest location for wireless Internet on Wartburg's campus.

In 2008, Wartburg Student Senate purchased a wireless router for Centennial Lounge, but because of the age of the building, it has taken Information Technology Services (ITS) until now to install the router, Gary Wipperman, director of ITS, said.

"We have heard from countless students in the past few years that, while the wireless that we have available on campus is functional, there could be many improvements made as far as getting more access points on campus," Student Body President Trevor Carolan said.

Currently, there are 50 wireless Internet access points on campus.

Apart from Old Main, every academic building on campus has wireless Internet, Wipperman said. Wireless also exists in Vogel Library, Cardinal Commons, Clinton Lounge, "The W," Saemann Student Center, Wartburg West.

Working with ITS, Student Senate has campaigned for the wireless update through the creation of a task force comprised of students and staff, Carolan said.

Wipperman said the decision of whether or not to install wireless Internet in a location is dependent on where demand is the highest and what the budget will initially allow.

"We have to consider what is economically feasible and realistic," Wipperman said.

Despite the existence of wireless in various buildings on campus, Wipperman said Wartburg plans to add more campus-wide.

This plan involves adding wireless to the ground floor of Vogel Library, the Fine Arts center, and the Residence lounge.

As to how long the installation process will take, Wipperman said ITS is "working on wireless on a gradual basis."

According to Wipperman, the cost of adding the new wireless is hard to determine, because technology is constantly changing.

"Since 2004, the technology has changed, and we've had to redo some original instillation," says Wipperman.

There are places where new wireless systems are being added, but there are also places where old systems need to be replaced.

"It is hard to answer a question about how much it will cost," Wipperman said. "Technology and the cost of gear keep changing."

In buildings with wireless, the strength of the signal can vary depending on how far a person sits from one of the Internet access points. The speed of the signal can also be affected by the amount of students using the network, Wipperman said.

Mobile carts with wireless Internet access points are available as well.

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Wartburg #1 for private college visits

CHARLES TIMS *STAFF WRITER*

This past summer, Wartburg ranked number one out of 28 schools as the most visited college during Iowa-Private College with 511 students attending.

Todd Coleman, Assistant Vice President of Admissions, said many factors go into why Wartburg was the most visited college, but the main factor is the combined effort of the faculty, staff and students.

"It's an effort from everybody, from the marketing and phone calls, to our staff, dining center, maintenance and security," said Coleman. "We all try to show how welcoming we are during that week."

Coleman said this is the 10th straight year Wartburg has had 511 students on the campus. The only other school that had over 500 students this year was Central College who had 502.

Student workers for admissions also played a role for the week, eating lunch with families or giving a tour of the campus.

"Our job is to make the students time here one to remember," student admissions employee Carrington Banks said. "We want students to really know what it means to 'Be Orange' and be a part of the Wartburg family."

Coleman said the atmosphere of Iowa private college week is a welcoming and exciting one. It is an atmosphere that shows the students visiting that they are appreciated.

"Visiting students love the friendliness here," said Coleman. "They know when they are here that people are going to say hi. Most of all, they know they are going to get a robust education."

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Langel working to get corporate memberships

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and O'Connell Extreme Fitness are attracting a lot of community members, Langel said.

Gary Grace

Currently, there are 2,113 community members, which is 14 more members than "The W" had at this time last year.

The number changes depending on what time of year it is, but the highest number of members was close to 2,400 in February of this year, Grace said.

"The amount of memberships keep getting better, but we still need to bump up those numbers," Brunkhorst said.

To improve these numbers, Langel is working on getting companies to provide corporate memberships to their employees.

"This would be a way for the company to promote wellness to their employees," Langel said.

Grace said this type of membership seems to be where "The W" is falling short, so this focus on getting corporate members will help drive down that cost of $600,000 from the city.

Shapiro said he wants to stress that "Celebrate Community" is about more than just the community's relationship with "The W."

"There's so many other things going on with the college and with Waverly that represent a great relationship. It's not just all about 'The W,'" Shapiro said.

Both Grace and Shapiro say a town the size of Waverly would not be able to get entertainment like the Texas Tenors if not for Wartburg's Artist Series program that is open to students and community members.

Brunkhorst said in the end, putting all grievances with "The W" aside, Wartburg provides a great deal for the community and the community provides the same amount back for Wartburg.

"Wartburg is a valuable asset to Waverly. Both through infrastructure and people, be that professors, students, or programs provided in the community," Brunkhorst said.

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Changes in SRI process

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application of the SRI, Nash said.

Senate campaigned for improvement on SRIs last school year. After surveying students on their SRI experiences, members of Senate concluded that the Appointment, Rank and Tenure Committee should start with completely new questions, said Nash.

"It wasn't the way Senate would have changed it, but we saw results," Nash said. "We wanted a change, no matter how slight or big that change was. We not only wanted it; we needed it. This is a big triumph for us."

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TRUMPET EDITORIAL:

Network early for success

Last Tuesday the halls of "The W" were crowded with tables. At each of these tables were representatives of work places and grad schools all vying for the attention of the stream of students walking past them. Once every fall and spring semester, the Career and Internship Fair graces the Hall of Champions in "The W."

While the prospect of internships and careers may seem far off to many students, it is important to attend events like this early. According to internships.com a college freshman shouldn't necessarily take on an internship, because they are still adjusting to college, but they should start attending college internship fairs.

Often times students don't go until their junior or senior year. However, when students do finally attend, they sometimes feel uncomfortable and unsure of themselves.

The simple fact is that, in every business, networking is key. If a student begins to get their name out freshman year, and then continually return, they will be remembered by the time they are seriously looking.

The University of Berkley's Career Center advises its students to start getting their name in the market during the second semester of their freshman year.

It is also important to attend early, simply because it opens students' eyes to possibilities. Someone might come into Wartburg as an exploring major and this will show him or her the possibilities that exist in other majors.

It is not a travesty if a student missed this first fair. It is important to remember that attending will make it much easier when it really counts.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND:

Listening to your heart and not your fear

GABI MILLER *GUEST COLUMNIST*

Our entire lives we've been asked the same question, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

We, then, define our lives based on what we think we want to be. Every little kid wants to be a doctor, a teacher or an astronaut.

Eventually we all grow up and have to decide what we actually want to be. Then, we go to school so we can become what we want to be. That's what college is for.

But what happens after that? Do we go with the flow or do what we want? Our parents, teachers, aunts and uncles want us to choose the path most traveled.

Is that what we want? Freshman year, I read the book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortensen, and it gave me a quote to live by "When the heart speaks, take good notes."

I'm in my senior year of college: I was content with doing what was easy, staying in places I knew I could potentially get a job at and staying near friends I had already made.

Then, I spoke with one of my professors, Dr. Penni Pier. She helped me realize that wasn't enough. I need to get out, and not let anything hold me back.

It was then that I decided I am moving to Chicago right after graduation. No job. No home. No guarantees. Am I scared? You bet. Is that holding me back? Absolutely not.

A lot of people question my decision, but my heart knows it's right.

I know if I don't follow my dreams now, I never will. I challenge you to do the same, listen to what your heart says and don't look back. You might fall flat on your face, but you won't regret it.

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A WORD FROM THE WISE:

Finding faith on Wartburg's campus

BRIAN BECKSTROM *CAMPUS PASTOR*

Recent polls focusing on religious affiliation have shown that current young adults are far less likely to identify with a particular religious tradition than previous generations.

Yet despite the growing number of religiously unaffiliated, young adults are just as likely as previous generations to pray daily and believe in life after death, according to a study done by the Pew Forum. In other words, today's young adults are more likely to be "spiritual" than "religious."

Toward the end of last year Pastor Ramona and I were discussing some of these trends and wondering how we could best serve Wartburg students, a group comprised of many Christians. Also we were trying to increase numbers of those who aren't sure what they believe or come from non-Christian religious traditions.

We decided to invite students from across the religious spectrum to tell us about their spiritual lives and make some changes.

The first thing we did was change the name of our office to "Spiritual Life and Campus Ministry," a name reflecting that we are here to serve all students regardless of their religious backgrounds.

We also expanded our student leadership pool by moving from one campus ministry board to four different leadership groups and inviting a diverse group of students to be part of these groups. Those four areas are Spiritual Life, Worship, Interfaith Conversation and Faith Formation.

Practically speaking that means that we will continue to do the things we've always done, including providing opportunities for students to explore and grow in the Christian faith through worship and faith formation. We are also developing new initiatives that reach out to those who aren't sure what they believe or come from non-Christian religious traditions.

This doesn't mean that we have changed what we believe, but rather that we recognize that not everyone is in the same place when it comes to spiritual life.

To be honest, we have no idea where God will take us. This is very much an experiment, and we invite you to join us on what promises to be a surprising and exciting journey.

For more information or to get involved, contact us or stop in to chat. Whether you come with questions and doubts, or a clear sense of what you believe, there is a place for you.

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- Soon to be Deaf

"Hey, chick in the Ditty,
You know what's cooler than being on Twitter? Reading your own Twitter feed out loud. Saves me the trouble of having to follow you."
- 140 characters, 0 Followers

"Public health notice for Lohe 3: one person per shower and towels required."
- Midnight Health Inspector

"You know what's scary? Horses."
- Overheard in the K-dit

"I couldn't wait to leave, now I can't wait to come back."
- Glum Alumn

"To the guy who walked into our room accidentally: you're welcome back here any time. We have treats."
- Welcoming Res Girls

"After a thoughtful conversation with Dr. Withers, it is very clear that the goatee is by far the best in the department."
- Stache Lover in Training

"CAC has turned into 'Glee' central. There is always 'Glee' music on. I'm not upset about this."
- Studying Gleek

"Dear girl with the retro 'Star Wars' backpack: I think I feel the force pulling us together. Can I be your Han Solo?."
- Always a Pleasure to meet a Jedi

"To guy on lower floor in Cornils: for the rest of the dorm to continue dreaming, you shouldn't play 'Dream On' at high volume on your stereo past midnight."
- Wishing I was Dreaming

"I love how Cliff and Dr. Stein sign their e-mails with C and J. They're so hip!"
- Alphabet Soup

"Dear boy revving the bike,
You can give me a ride anytime. "
- I <3 Bikes

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CouchSurfing: social media for travelers

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RACHEL BIEDERMANN
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Eating sushi, chasing chickens and going on canyon hikes were some the events Kyle Fleming got to do last summer through a non-profit organization named CouchSurfing.

CouchSurfing is an international network that helps members find places to stay around the world based on their preferences. Similar to a Facebook profile, members submit their photos, interests, philosophy, places they want to visit and accomadation needs.

"It's a word of mouth thing," Fleming said. "People who do it have the mindset of surfers and travelers who are open to people and to something new."

Fleming was able to travel to Rapid City, S.D., Ogden, Logan and Salt Lake City, Utah. He stayed in a studio apartment, went on canyon hikes and traveled to Dinosaur Park.

"It's a way to break out of your comfort zone and the Wartburg bubble," Fleming said. "I have six to seven new friends that I wouldn't have met otherwise."

Submitted Photo

Kyle Fleming spent his summer traveling across the U.S. as part of a non-profit organization named CouchSurfing.

Fleming is one out of 2,231,967 CouchSurfers that span over 230 countries and territories. The website allows people to select the age, gender, language and location to match their host preferences. The average age of "surfers" and hosts is 19 to 37, but some are older, allowing their homes to become available to whoever needs a place to stay for a certain length of time.

Karl Hartley, 43, hosted Fleming this past summer in Ogden, Utah. Hartley said he decided to become a part of CouchSurfing because of his own experience.

"I was an exchange student my junior year of high school and the experience of living in a different country was the fastest way of finding what it's really all about," Hartley said. "CouchSurfing is an extension of that. We aren't going to let you visit our town or our location; we are letting you visit our life."

Hartley and his wife have hosted approximately 15 people in the last year and a half from various parts of the world including Africa, New Zealand and Germany. Hartley and his wife also had the experience of being "surfers", going to Kyoto, Japan, and having a stranger allow them to stay at his house with a key under the mat while he was away at work.

"We can stay at a five star hotel if we want, but we want to become immersed," Hartley said.

Safety is an important concern Fleming said.

"The level of trust with travelers is higher because you don't know the person and you are on their turf," Fleming said.

According to the CouchSurfing website, it offers safety through references, vouching and verification.

"I bet 99.9 percent have never run into a bad experience.... that is where social networking comes in," Hartley said.

Other than Fleming, there are three members from Waverly who are a part of the organization. Fleming would like to get more members involved. This would not only include an overnight stay somewhere, but also would include social gatherings.

Fleming would like to get several couch surfers together to do something like a barbecue or dinner at The Diner or Joe's.

People should join CouchSurfing to meet others, Hartley said.

"At the end of your life you won't remember the tour bus or the Four Season hotel, but you will remember the connection you have one on one with another person," Hartley said.

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Wartburg President Darrel Colson presented checks to Waverly Police Chief Rich Pursell and Fire Chief Dennis Happel during halftime of the foootball game September 25.

Wartburg donates money in honor of 'celebrate community'

MORGAN BERGMANN *ONLINE EDITOR*

Wartburg College recently donated money to the Waverly Police and Fire Department in honor of "Celebrate Community."

During halftime of the Sept. 25 football game against Loras College, President Darrel Colson presented a $1,500 check to both departments. The money came from admission to the Community Night football game on Sept. 4.

"This is one way for Wartburg to thank the community for its continued partnership—its support of the college and Knights athletics," Colson said. "It is particularly appropriate as we 'Celebrate Community' this year, which marks the 75th anniversary of Wartburg's return to Waverly."

Gary Grace, vice president of administration, said the two departments would really benefit from this donation. The fire department would use the money to update their equipment like hoses, helmets and protective fire gear.

The police department will put the money toward a new "K-9" dog, since their most recent dog, Cindi, retired, said Police Chief Richard Pursell. Tax dollars do not cover the cost of a "K-9" dog.

"This is the first time that Wartburg has [given money to the police and fire departments]," Grace said.

"Over the years, we've always picked a game or two, and then give back the money received from the gate. Wartburg has donated to Cedar Valley Friends of the Family and to programs that help low-income students."

This is the first event that kicked of Wartburg's "Celebrate Community" and the 75th anniversary of Warturg's return to Waverly.

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Students find job and school possibilities at fair

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Over 250 Wartburg students attended the Career and Internship Fair Tuesday in "The W" Hall of Champions.

Derek Solheim, associate director of Pathways Center for Career Services, said the career fair has been an event at Wartburg for over 20 years and it gives all students the opportunity to connect with employers, graduate school representatives and internship recruiters.

"The career fair is the start for students. It is the opportunity to tell employers why your skill sets are a good match for their company," Solheim said. "The career fair is also a great opportunity for our faculty to interact with the employers who hire our graduates because they can find out about programs that could be of interest to our students."

"We got a lot of responses to the point where we had to turn people away"
-Derek Solheim

The career fair included over 70 organizations, from large corporations, graduate schools and also post graduate opportunities such as AmeriCorps.

"We sent out many invitations and we got a lot of responses to the point where we had to turn people away because we did not have enough space," Solheim said.

Jo Dorrance, internship coordinator, said the career fair could also benefit first-year students.

"The career fair is an opportunity for students to start practicing interviewing and learning how they should present themselves in front of employers," Dorrance said.

In honor of "Celebrate Community," Solheim and Dorrance decided to let high school juniors attend the fair for the first time.

"We wanted to reach out to the community and we felt that the career fair would be beneficial to high school juniors, because they would get an idea of what they would like to do after high school as well as being exposed to Wartburg, but this is not something we will be adding in all the time," Dorrance said.

The next Career Fair will be Feb. 17, 2011. The time will be changed to 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to benefit both the students and representatives because of the class schedules.

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Members of the Triathlon Club compete in Olympic distance triathlons consisting of a swim, run and bike ride. The group hopes to compete together as a team at the Collegiate Nationals in April.

Wartburg Triathlon Club has sights set on Nationals

HANNAH COX
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Dedication, determination and endurance. The members of Wartburg's Triathlon Club are familiar with all three.

The Triathlon Club has been on campus for three years and currently has nine members.

"We're just trying to get people to realize there is a Triathlon Club and you don't have to be an extreme athlete to be a part of it," Jordan Hodge, Wartburg's Triathlon Club president, said.

The team participates in Olympic distance triathlons, which consist of swimming 1.5 kilometers, biking 40 kilometers and running ten kilometers.

The triathlons take place throughout the spring and summer, and the members choose which ones they want to attend. The biggest triathlon, Collegiate National Championship, will take place in April in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Colleges and universities from across the country, including Iowa State University, are welcome to participate in this event.

The Wartburg Triathlon team was not able to attend last year because it was during finals, but they are hoping to attend this year.

"Last year, we were not able to go to nationals, so our purpose kind of changed from wanting everyone to go to nationals to having group support and training for triathlons," Hodge said.

The members are preparing for nationals by meeting twice a week for workouts. Mondays are cross-fit training workouts helping to build technique and Saturdays are endurance days consisting of long-distance swimming, running and biking.

Triathlon member Trevor Baxter said he plans on becoming certified in cross-fit training so he can help lead the group in their workouts.

The Triathlon Club is hoping the number of members will increase. The workouts are open to anyone who is interested in training with the group.

Abby Johnson joined the Triathlon Club at the end of last year, because she said she wanted to stay active and did not play any sports at Wartburg.

The club is not an official student organization, so it is having fundraisers this year to help raise money for entry fees.

The group is planning to host "A Walk with Kids" and "Cross-fit for Kids," both of which will accept donations that would help the club pay for fees. The dates for the events have not been decided.

With fundraising and workout plans, nationals is the ultimate end goal for the Triathlon Club.

"I think it would be fun to go as a team and just see what it's like out there," Trevor Baxter said.

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Mike E. Winfield performed a car sketch at the first of ETK's October "Freaking Funny Fridays" comedy series.

ETK puts funny in TGIF

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ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Entertainment ToKnight's themed month this year is October and is called "Freaking Funny Fridays." These events will host a new comedian every Friday of October.

The comedy events will be free for students and will take place in McCaskey Lyceum of Saemann Student Center.

"In previous years, ETK has done a themed month and we have also heard of other schools doing the same type of programming," ETK President Audrey Sturtz said.

Many of the comedians coming to Wartburg have been featured on "Comedy Central," "Last Comic Standing" and "The Late Show with David Letterman."

Mike E. Winfield kicked off the themed month last Friday. Winfield will be featured on The Late Show later this month.

"It's crazy, I'm going to be in Iowa, do Letterman and then come back to Iowa," Winfield said. "I'm really Iowa bound right now."

Three other comedians will be featured this month.

"We found the comedians at the conferences we attended. We also have had some of the comedians before and decided to bring them back (Kelly Taylor and Rob Paravonian)," Sturtz said.

Cristela Alonzo is the other comedian who will be featured this month.

Many students showed up for the first event, nearly filling the Lyceum, Sturtz said.

"I like live shows because you get to see the real talent of the comedians," Cody Simpson said. "Plus it's usually the best part of the show."

ETK visits conferences throughout the year to find new acts for the academic years.

The National Conference held in St. Louis this year will be a place where ETK watches acts and decides if they want to bring them to Wartburg.

ETK will present Alonzo on Oct. 8, Taylor Oct. 15 and Paravonian Oct. 22. Each act will be inside the Lyceum and will take place at 8 p.m.

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2010 king and queen candidates announced

Amanda Gahler/ *TRUMPET*

ORANGE STAMPEDE
The Race Back Home

All students will vote for king and queen Oct. 18 and 19. Coronation will take place after Kastle Kapers Thursday, Oct. 21. L-R: Front: Shelley Hartman, Missy McMurray, Lou Peters, Second Row: Nate Vaughn, Lauren Hummel, Abbey Hempen, Kenton Engels, Third Row: Courtney Innen, Trevor Carolan, Alec Amosson.

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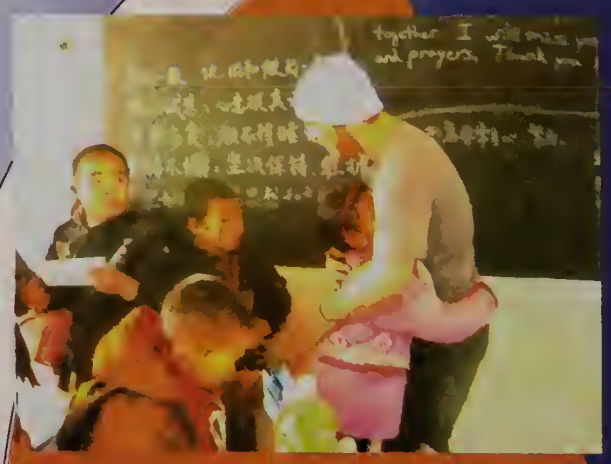

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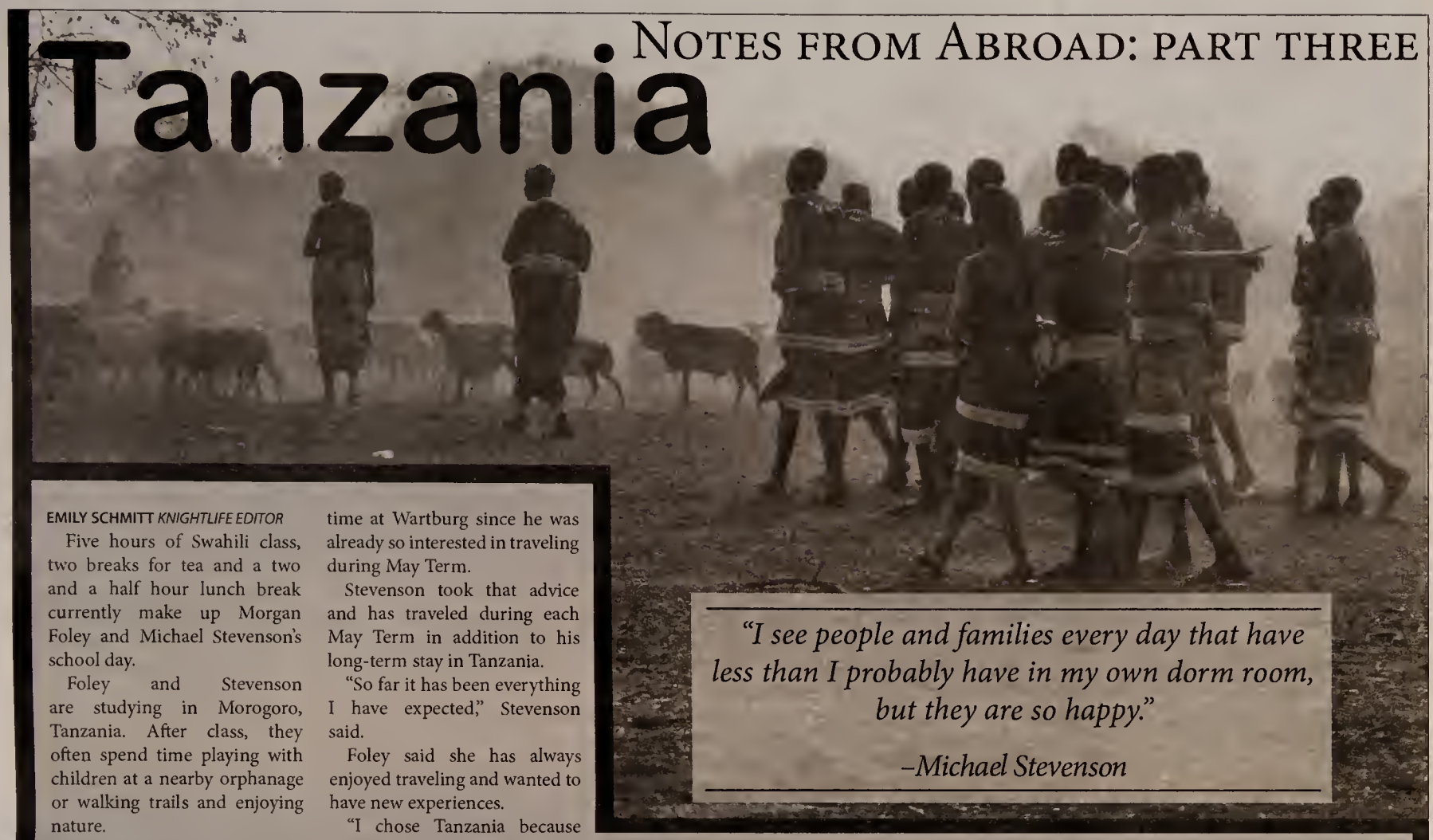
Tanzania



"I see people and families every day that have less than I probably have in my own dorm room, but they are so happy."

–Michael Stevenson

EMILY SCHMITT *KNIGHTLIFE EDITOR*

Five hours of Swahili class, two breaks for tea and a two and a half hour lunch break currently make up Morgan Foley and Michael Stevenson's school day.

Foley and Stevenson are studying in Morogoro, Tanzania. After class, they often spend time playing with children at a nearby orphanage or walking trails and enjoying nature.

"Studying in an environment that had a different culture, beliefs and lifestyle from my own was important to me when choosing a program," Stevenson said.

"Tanzania provided all the things that I was looking for in my study abroad experience."

Stevenson already knew he wanted to study abroad when he was a first-year. He asked about the Tanzania May Term course and he was encouraged to consider studying abroad during his time at Wartburg since he was already so interested in traveling during May Term.

Stevenson took that advice and has traveled during each May Term in addition to his long-term stay in Tanzania.

"So far it has been everything I have expected," Stevenson said.

Foley said she has always enjoyed traveling and wanted to have new experiences.

"I chose Tanzania because I wanted to become part of a culture different from my own," she said. "I like the idea of becoming part of the culture, and not just a tourist."

She said her May Term trip to Nicaragua this year helped her prepare for living in a different culture.

Foley and Stevenson spend the weekends traveling with a pastor to area villages to attend church services. They have been to six villages thus far.

"Each village is very unique, but all the people have been so hospitable; it is humbling," Stevenson said.

"When we arrive, the first thing that happens is being invited into the pastor's home for chai," Foley said.

They have attended many church services, both indoors and outdoors, and Stevenson said he has witnessed 31 baptisms.

Although they are miles away from Wartburg, Foley and Stevenson have spent time with Aaron Schutte, class of 2009.

Schutte studied abroad in Tanzania during his time at Wartburg and is now teaching in Bukoba, an 18-hour drive from Morogoro.

They spent last weekend in Mikumi on a safari. Foley's favorite part of the safari was waking up and realizing elephants were only 10 feet away from their cabins.

Both Foley and Stevenson said their biggest worry about studying abroad was being away from friends and family for three months.

"The people in my life are very important to me and it will be hard to be away from them for an extended period of time," Stevenson said. "However, the Internet makes communication fairly simple."

Stevenson said he is enjoying learning about a different culture and seeing how people live in Tanzania.

"This sounds cliché, but this experience has reminded me that very little is needed to live a happy life," he said.

"I see people and families every day that have less than I probably have in my own dorm room, but they are so happy."

Foley said she is enjoying being in a place where community and family are a priority, not an option.

In the future, Stevenson hopes to work with Faraja, an HIV/AIDS organization in Morogoro.

"Life truly has a different meaning when the focus is taken off material possessions and focus is placed on the people that surround you every day," he said.

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New Faces On Campus

Name:
Courtney Wells

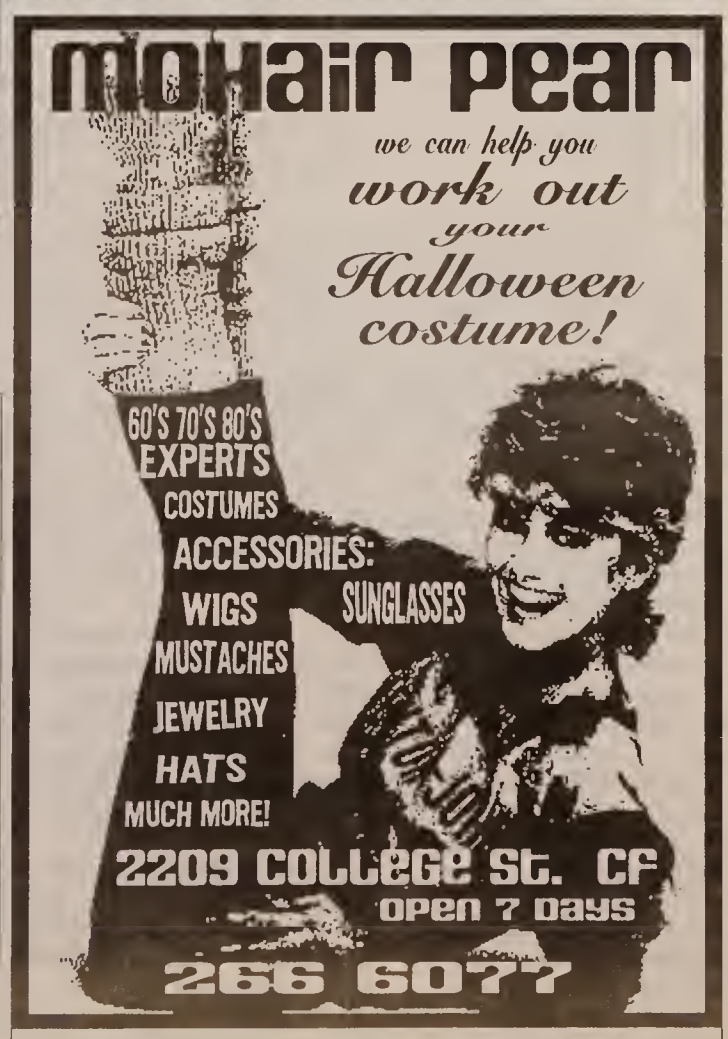
Title:
Visiting Assistant Professor of French

Place of Study?
Boston College and the University of Dallas.

Why did you choose French?
Wells spent two weeks in Paris when he was eight years old and he enjoys communicating and interacting with people from all over the world.

What did you do before coming to Wartburg?
Wells taught French language, culture and literature at Boston University.

Favorite thing about Wartburg so far?
Wells enjoys the sense of community. He said education at Wartburg is re-examined through human relationships, through community and through application in the world.



SPORTS

Knights women finish strong in conference play

AL STRAIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg Knights women's tennis team finished their fall season with a win over UW-River Falls.

The Knights won the match 7-2 behind strong showings from Molly Eslick and Leanna Nelson, who won their doubles pairing as well as their singles matches.

With her win in singles, Eslick brought her record to 14-1 on the season. When paired with Nelson in doubles, the duo has a mark of 10-3, which leads the Knights.

Earlier in the day, the Knights lost a hard fought match to Coe 5-4. Head coach Matt Tyler said he was still pleased with his team's performance.

"Everybody really played well, it came down to a couple of points. I'm really happy with the way we played," Tyler said.

Against Coe, the Knights lost two of the tree doubles matches, with the victory coming from the pairing of Claire Evans and Leanna Jenkins.

When the singles matches started, Eslick won her match, as did Evans and Lindsay Greiner.

The Knights split the singles matches with Coe 3-3, and would lose on the doubles end 2-1. Tyler said it was a strong showing.

"I don't know if Wartburg has ever pushed Coe to 5-4 so it's all positive," Tyler said.

The Knights also defeated Cornell, Buena Vista and Central over the course of the week to finish their conference season with a record of 6-2.

Tyler said that his team's performance in conference play was something he was proud of.

The strong conference record put the Knights into the third overall seed for the team conference tournament.

"Making sure people stay focused mentally is probably going to be the biggest thing for our success," Tyler said.

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Amanda Gahler/ *Trumpet*

Molly Eslick serves for a point. Eslick is 14-1 in singles this season. The Knights take on Simpson in the conference tournament.

Britlyn Sieck All-Tournament team

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The Knights came back to win set four 25-16, but in the end lost a heart breaker in the fifth set 13-15.

"We played very well against St. Olaf even with the roster moves," Walker said.

Britlyn Sieck

St. Olaf hitter Kim Smisek totaled 23 kills in the match, with Wartburg's outside hitter Britlyn Sieck having 12.

Sieck was nominated to the All-Tournament team with 31 kills in four matches.

This is Sieck's second all-tournament nomination in a row. She received all-tournament honors at the UW-Oshkosh invite.

"It is just a reflection of the effort Britlyn has put in over the season and the summer," Walker said. "She has turned into a much smarter offensive player and has turned into a nice floor leader."

The Knights played the hosts of the tournament, St. Benedict, to start the tournament.

The Knights fell to the Blazers in four sets, winning only the first set 25-21.

Wartburg continued the tournament on Saturday playing No. 20 Concordia College. The Knights fell to the Cobbers in three straight sets.

The Knights played their final game against No. 15 St. Thomas Minn., Wartburg found much of the same as they fell to St. Thomas in three straight sets as well.

"There were a lot of very solid teams at this tournament," Walker said. "This is the toughest tournament we will see all season."

The Knights did have some freshmen standouts with Maddie Forsyth having 33 kills and six blocks in the tournament and Ramey Sieck had 24 kills, .210 attack percentage, 77 assists, 29 digs and three blocks in the tournament.

Kamille Van Natta was also a standout player for the Knights with 31 kills, 32 digs and five blocks through the tournament.

The Knights will return to conference play this week at Buena Vista University.

The Knights defeated the Beavers once this year already at the Wartburg invite but with an injured Sofie Swift the Knights will still try to find that right lineup, said Walker.

"We are still looking for that lineup," Walker said. "It has a lot to do with being such a young team."

The Knights will try and right the ship this Tuesday when they take on Buena Vista in Storm Lake at 7:30 p.m.

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Men's soccer moves to 2-0 in IIAC, defeats Luther College 2-1

AL STRAIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg Men's soccer team stayed perfect in conference play with a 2-1 victory over archrival Luther on Saturday afternoon.

Josh Palmer

After some hard fought losses last week, head coach Kirk Artist said he saw improvement in his squad against the Norse.

"Everybody was fighting for the guy next to them instead of just for themselves," Artist said.

The Knights started the scoring in the 27th minute of the game when Josh Palmer scored on Luther keeper Steve O'Meara.

The Knights held a 1-0 lead going into the half and came out shooting in the second half.

Wartburg turned up the pressure on the offensive end against the Norse. The Knights scored again from an unassisted goal from Brandon Cook.

Luther responded with a goal in the 72nd minute when Saul Rosales scored on a penalty kick that made it past keeper Brandon Busbee.

The Wartburg defense stiffened late in the game and didn't allow another goal; the final score of the game was 2-1.

Busbee recorded three saves in goal for the Knights; the game moved his season save percentage to .775.

Palmer's goal was his first of the season while Cook recorded his third tally of the year for the Knights.

The win over Luther put the knights in a tie for first place with Loras and Dubuque.

The Knights won't see Dubuque until Oct. 25 but will face Loras in the coming week.

The Knights continue IIAC action this week as they host both Coe and Loras.

Artist said he hoped there would be an enthusiastic atmosphere for his team this week, as they have not won a game at home yet this season.

"Hopefully we can play in front of a good crowd and use the atmosphere of playing under the lights of a night game," Artist said.

The game against Coe begins at 7 p.m. in Waverly. Artist said even though there are two conference games this week the Knights know that they can't look ahead.

"We're preparing for each game one game at a time, we have to take care of Coe before we can worry about Loras," Artist said.

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Wartburg Women's golf currently first in IIAC team championship. See next week's Trumpet for full story.

TRUMPET SPORTS

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Wartburg women hosted Coe in Waverly Saturday afternoon.

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Tuesday	Volleyball @ Buena Vista
Wednesday	Women's Tennis @ Grinell
Friday	M/W Soccer vs. Loras
Saturday	Football @ Buena Vista

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Transfer students lead way for Knights

Van Natta nets points

DREW SHRADEL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Explosive smacks, the ball is delivered to the ground, a triumphant roar with hands in the air and cheers from the floor.

Kamille Van Natta is that cheer's leader and floor leader, said head coach Jennifer Walker. A junior transfer from Kirkwood Community College, she is a new member of the team, but shows her talents, leadership and team play as if she were always there.

"With such a young team to have a junior leader, who is new to the program, and bring that experience it is huge," Walker said.

Van Natta started volleyball at twelve, staying with it through high school.

In her senior year at Wapsie Valley, Van Natta helped her team win a state championship in volleyball, and was nominated as the tournament's most valuable player.

It was time to make a decision though, and Van Natta received many recruitment letters, including Wartburg, but she decided to stay close to home, and attend her first two years at Kirkwood.

"I am a family oriented person, you know I love my mom and dad, so I couldn't go too far away," Van Natta said.

At Kirkwood, Van Natta received many honors, 2009 regional all-tournament team, first team all-conference and first team all-region.

After two years, her mother pushed her toward Wartburg where she is now second on the team in most stats. She said she needs her teammates.

"Sure, I like to look at the stats to see what I can achieve better, but I wouldn't get those chances without everyone else," Van Natta said.

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Stiefel steps up for Knights

AL STRAIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

Dan Stiefel is a football player through and through, and it's been that way as long as he can remember.

The junior transfer student from Sterling Heights, Mich. is the starting quarterback for the Wartburg Knights football team.

Stiefel said he's been playing football since he was eight years old and it's something he's always loved to do.

"It's a thriller, being a quarterback out there, people expect you to do good. That's what I like about it," Stiefel said.

Stiefel made his way onto the Wartburg football team after three seasons at Saginaw Valley State University and one year at Grand Valley State in Michigan.

Stiefel said he had a lot of help in deciding to come to Wartburg from his coaches at Grand Valley State.

Coach Koehler was the old head coach here at Wartburg, he recommended Wartburg and I ended up talking to the coaches and I ended up liking this place," Stiefel said.

He wanted to be the starting quarterback from the very beginning at Wartburg.

"I came in having to compete with two other guys, and from there its basically all team goals," Stiefel said, "I don't worry about individual goals."

That focus has paid off for the Knights, as they are 4-0 on the season. Stiefel has thrown for 657 yards with two touchdowns.

Stiefel has also grown to love the community of Wartburg.

"The parents and the students are all supportive of everybody and all the athletes like each other," Stiefel said.

While Stiefel is far from his home in Michigan, he always seems to be at home on the football field for the Knights and he feels like he's in the right place.

"Obviously it helps that there's a winning tradition, but when I first got here it just felt natural to be here," Stiefel said.

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Knight women stay unbeaten in IIAC

AL STRAIN *SPORTS EDITOR*

The Wartburg women's soccer team got a key win against archrival Luther College on Saturday afternoon in Decorah.

The 2-1 victory was spearheaded by timely goals and a constant offensive attack on the Luther defense.

Anna Aquino scored the first goal of the game for the Knights just two minutes before halftime. Head coach Sara Johnson said going into the half ahead on the scoreboard was important.

"Scoring gives confidence. It was a nice boost to show our hard work was paying off for us," Johnson said.

Wartburg continued to keep up the offensive pressure, which would yield another goal off the foot of Rachel Torry. It was Torry's first goal of her college career.

Johnson said that her team's success had a lot to do with their hustle throughout the game.

"Being the first to the ball helped us win a lot of 50-50 balls which was important for us," Johnson said.

Luther found the back of the net with just over seven minutes to play, but the Knights defense did not allow another goal making the final score 2-1.

Aquino's goal was her third of the season and is currently good for second on the team.

Monica Noti recorded three saves for the Knights. Wartburg dominated on offense, producing ten shots on goal to Luther's four.

The Knights next play Coe before taking on Loras. Both games are home which Johnson hopes will provide an advantage.

"Students supporting each other is a boost for us and can help us in our games," Johnson said.

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Amanda Gahler/*Trumpet*

Forward Chelsea Frye pushed the ball forward past a defender. The Knights move to 2-0 in the IIAC. The Knights battle Coe and Loras next

Volleyball goes 0-4

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The Wartburg Volleyball team went 0-4 this weekend at the IIAC/MIAC Boarder Battle and faced off against a No.13, 15 and 20th ranked teams in the nations.

The Knights took No.13 ranked St. Olaf College of Northfield, Minn., to five sets, but fell after many lineup changes, said head coach Jennifer Walker.

"We were trying some different lineups this weekend, putting people in different places," Walker said. "Because of that we just couldn't find a rhythm."

Despite the rhythm problems, the Knights won the first set against St. Olaf in extra points 29-27, but the Knights fell in sets two and three 11-25, 12-25.

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